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# An Amazing Blessing

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in a teacher education program that has been granted provincial recognition alongside its peers at other universities. Clearly and decisively, with no qualifications or hidden agendas, our prayers have been answered, enabling graduates of our new B.Ed. program to teach in all schools in Ontario, in other provinces and beyond. The Lord has granted us an amazing blessing, a tremendous breakthrough.

But it didn't come without hard work, patience and struggles—a teacher education program was part of the original vision of Redeemer College in 1980; we have had the B.C.Ed. program at Redeemer since 1990 when we also sought provincial approval; and we first approached the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) when it was formed in 1997.

**As we look ahead to developing our B.Ed. program, we need to remember that remaining true to this Biblical vision remains key**

Now 23 years after our founding, and 13 years after our first approach to the province and 7 years after contacting the OCT, we finally have achieved this goal. Our education program, with its combination of Christian vision with proper academic and professional standards, has received initial accreditation by those

in authority in the provincial education community.

As we reflect on what has happened, we can only say the Lord has done great things and it is marvellous in our eyes. For those in Christian education, may this be a rallying point that gives us confidence as we see education that acknowledges the Lordship of Jesus Christ recognized as legitimate education.

Having reached this milestone, Redeemer's education program joins those at four other Christian universities in three other provinces: Trinity Western University in British Columbia; Concordia and The King's University Colleges in Alberta; and Atlantic Baptist University in New Brunswick, in holding up this Christ-centred vision in Canada, preparing teachers to serve not only in independent but also Catholic and public schools.

As we look ahead to developing our B.Ed. program, we need to remember that remaining true to this Biblical vision remains key. While it is wonderful that our teacher education graduates will finally have the credentials they deserve, the more important standard of quality – that which makes us what we are – remains being Scripturally-directed. That was the founding vision of this institution, and it must remain our vision as we go forward from here. **I**

**W**hat an historic milestone! A provincially recognized B.Ed. program taught from a Christian perspective at Redeemer University College—the only such program in the province of Ontario.

After all the years of working and waiting, it has taken awhile to sink in. To be honest, even after reading the fax which stated that the Accreditation Committee had granted our program initial accreditation, we still quickly paged through the final report when it arrived by courier to see if there were any issues raised or conditions set that would hold us back. There were none.

At a time when the Christian vision has less currency in the educational community and wider society, the Lord has allowed the Reformed Christian community to advance this vision



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Redeemer University College is a Christian liberal arts and science university, offering courses and programs leading to a bachelor's degree. Redeemer serves over 800 students on its 90-acre campus on the outskirts of Hamilton.



## Celebrating a Historic Moment

"Trudeau repatriated the Constitution. Cooper and Vriend 'repatriated' Redeemer's Teacher Ed program!" This effusive, if somewhat overstated, historic comparison by one on-looker was overheard in the crowded centre foyer following an historic event on campus: the celebration of public recognition of Redeemer University College's new Bachelor of Education degree (B.Ed.). President Cooper and Director of Teacher Education Dr. John Vriend could be forgiven for feeling like they had hit the proverbial "home run" with an appreciative home crowd of fans.

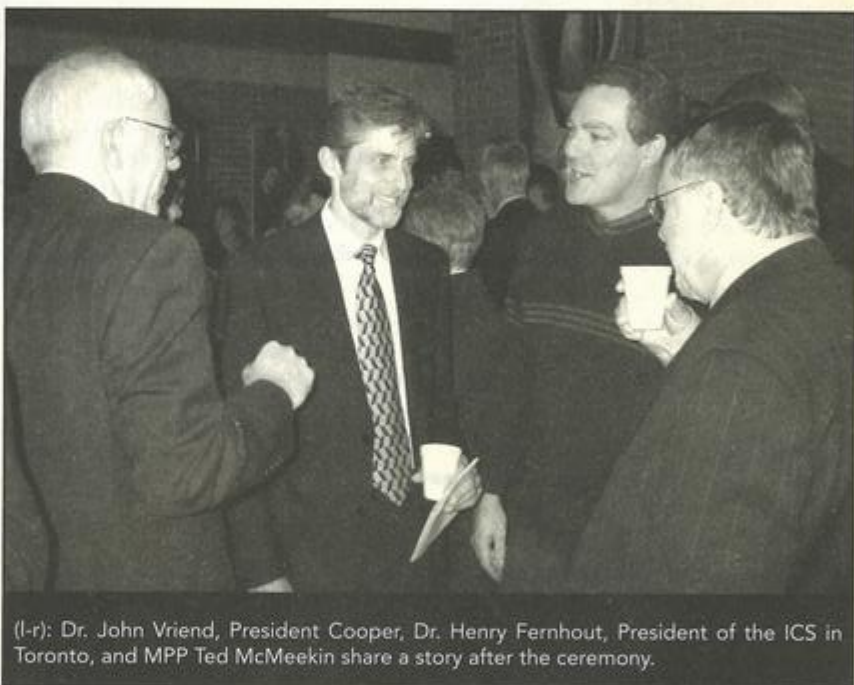
It was a gathering of educators and politicians, students, Redeemer supporters, representatives from professional associations and alumni. On a cold Friday evening in January several hundred individuals gathered in the Redeemer auditorium to give thanks to God and celebrate the decision of the Ontario College of Teachers to grant initial accreditation to Redeemer's new Bachelor of Education degree.

Many prayers, hopes and dreams – as well as years of hard work and preparation – were invested in securing this new accreditation, which gives graduates of Redeemer's education

program an Ontario Certificate of Qualification (formerly known as an Ontario Teaching Certificate). The first step in this process took place in June of 2003 when the Ontario Legislature granted Redeemer authority to confer the B.Ed. degree, which replaces the Bachelor of Christian Education (B.C.Ed.) degree that had been offered by Redeemer since 1991. The next stage was obtaining initial accreditation from the Ontario College of Teachers, which was granted this past December after an extensive review of the program.

While the event lacked the academic pageantry of a convocation or

commencement, it more than made up for its lack of pomp with a quiet dignity and the sincere warmth of the participants. And for those who might have been wondering about what will happen to past graduates, Dr. Vriend, with a twinkle in his eye, assured representatives from the College of Teachers that he would be back to discuss with them a bridge program for past education graduates to work toward their Certificate of Qualification. That friendly but firm observation was a perfect end to the perfect evening. Congratulations Education Department and Redeemer Teacher Ed students and graduates!



(l-r): Dr. John Vriend, President Cooper, Dr. Henry Fernhout, President of the ICS in Toronto, and MPP Ted McMeekin share a story after the ceremony.

## Coming Events

Redeemer University College welcomes everyone to attend the following public activities. For a complete list of upcoming events, visit the "What's Happening at Redeemer" section at [www.redeemer.on.ca](http://www.redeemer.on.ca). Unless stated otherwise, the events are free, and on Redeemer's campus. Tickets are available through the Box Office, (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4211.

### March 12-13

*On the Roof*, written and performed by Sara Weber, and directed by Raymond Louter, 8:00 pm in the Black Box. Tickets are \$12, Students/Seniors \$10.



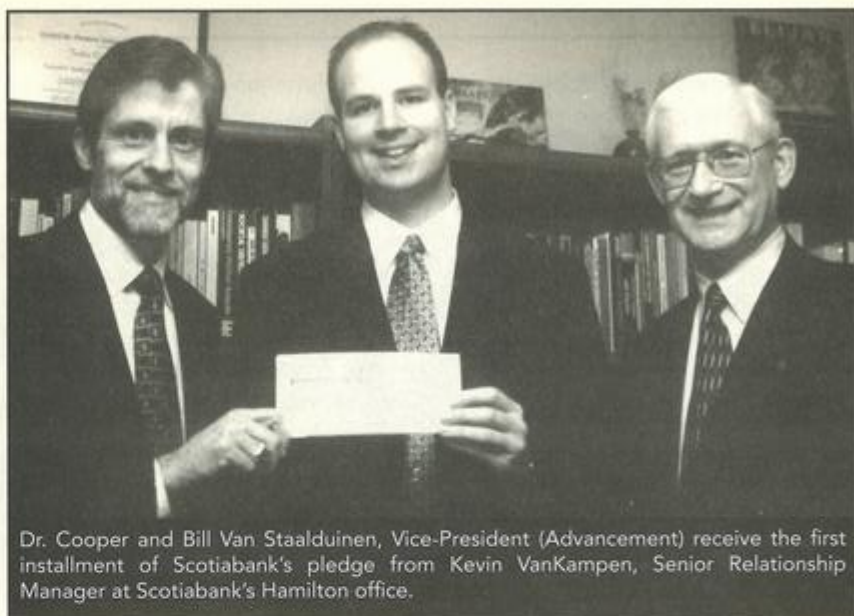
# Campaign Notes Several Milestones

At its February 2004 meeting, Redeemer's Board of Governors approved in principle the construction of the 33,000 square-foot South Wing. Part of the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign, this addition will create the additional classroom and library space that is desperately needed to accommodate Redeemer's increasing enrolment.

This is another significant achievement in the three-year Campaign, and Redeemer is grateful for the blessings it has experienced thus far. "We have really seen the Lord working ahead of us with this project," says Campaign Director Ms Rita Klein-Geltink. "When we meet with potential donors to discuss this project, they have so much enthusiasm for what is happening at Redeemer."

That enthusiasm is being reflected in the support the Campaign has received thus far on a number of fronts. Redeemer's internal "family" – its students, Boards and staff and faculty – have been almost universal with their participation. Redeemer is also grateful for the generous gifts of its traditional support community. These faithful friends are providing leadership and guidance, as well as pledging the majority of the gifts thus far.

Redeemer's alumni have also been active on many fronts with the Campaign. The members of the



Dr. Cooper and Bill Van Staaldunin, Vice-President (Advancement) receive the first installment of Scotiabank's pledge from Kevin VanKampen, Senior Relationship Manager at Scotiabank's Hamilton office.

Alumni Board have all pledged and are actively looking for opportunities to advance the Campaign in their own communities. Visits have also been made to a number of alumni, and one of these visits has resulted in the largest alumni gift to Redeemer to date – \$50,000 over 5 years.

Another encouraging sign is the amount of support that is being received from non-traditional sources. For example, Dr. H. Douglas Barber, Founder and retired President and CEO of Gennum Corporation donated \$275,000 in appreciated securities, noting that "Hamilton is fortunate to have this vibrant, growing institution as part of our local community." And Scotiabank has committed \$75,000 toward the Campaign. In announcing this gift, Scotiabank Vice-President, and long-time friend of Redeemer

Stephen Varey remarked, "Scotiabank views this donation as an investment in future leaders for Canadian society. We are impressed with Redeemer's administrative leadership and the quality of its students and graduates."

The overall goal of the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign is to raise \$12.5 million in gifts for several additions to the Academic Building and another residence facility, including the \$1.1 million East Addition, which was completed in 2003. The South Wing, scheduled to be completed by August 2005, is the single biggest project in the Campaign's scope. Construction will begin as soon as 75% of the addition's \$6.2 million estimated cost has been raised in gifts and pledges. For more information, including plans for the new additions, visit [www.redeemer.on.ca/giving/campaign](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/giving/campaign).

## March 23-27

The Main Stage Play, William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, directed by Joe Abbey-Colborne, will be performed in Redeemer's Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Preview performance on Tuesday, March 23, and there is a matinee performance on Wednesday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, Students/Seniors \$10. Matinee and Preview Performances are \$6.

## March 26

Dinner & Theatre- An evening including dinner and the main stage production, *Macbeth*, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

## April 1

Canadian Council Poetry Reading featuring Marilyn Bowering; 4:20 in the Redeemer Boardroom. Presented in part by the Canada Council for the Arts.





## The 2003-04 Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is elected by the Members of Redeemer University College. The Board usually meets three times each year, to discuss policy items and oversee the operation of the institution. At its meetings this past February, the Board, among other things, approved the 2004-05 budget, gave conditional approval to the construction of the South Wing, and granted a continuation of tenure to a number of faculty members. Redeemer University College is grateful for the contributions that these people make to the leadership of the institution.

### Left to Right

**sitting:** Lloyd Hack, Art Dubbeldam (Vice-Chair), Justin Cooper (President), Brian Verheul (Chair), Albert DeJong (Secretary), Hilda Roukema, Charlie Fluit (Treasurer)

**standing:** Susan VanderKooy 'x83, Howard McPhee, Phil Teeuwsen '95, Walter Neutel, Oscar DeBoer, Henry Wiersema, Allan James, John Van Dorp, Pieter Wonder, Jack Van Meggelen, Jennifer Feenstra '96, Anton Brink, Garty Cubitt (kneeling), Steve Baarda '94, Mike Miedema, Eric DenOuden, Bruce Bos 'x83, Gerry Brown, Andrew Straatsma,

**absent:** David Adcock, Allan Cuzen, Luke Janssen, Jim Vanderkooy, Nelly Westerhoff

### April 2

The Redeemer University College is joined by the Redeemer Alumni Choir for its Spring Concert. "Mozart Madness," conducted by Dr. Christiaan Teeuwsen. The concert will feature *Missa Brevis in D* and *Fantasie in F*. Tickets are \$16, Students/Seniors \$14.

### April 7

Closing Convocation. Friends and supporters are invited to join Redeemer in officially closing the 2003-2004 academic year. The guest speaker, as chosen by the graduating class, will be Professor of Physical Education Dr. John Byl. 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium.

### April 23

The Ontario Christian Highschool Choral Festival is being hosted by Redeemer University College this year. Tickets are \$8 for adults \$5 for students. Concert starts at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.



## Business Community Open House

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Redeemer opened its doors for the 3rd Annual Business Community Open House, sponsored by the Economic Development Department of the City of Hamilton. Over 150 guests enjoyed a choir performance, delicious food, the opportunity to learn about Redeemer and to network with fellow leaders of the business community.

Former Hamilton mayor Bob Wade launched the Open House by offering greetings from the City, and introduced the new mayor of the City of Hamilton, Larry Di Ianni. The introduction was followed by the presentation of recently-established awards from businesses that are supporting Redeemer students:

- Canadian Tire Ancaster
- Crossroads Communication Centre/100 Huntley Street
- DeBoer's Furniture
- DUCA Financial Services Credit Union Ltd.
- The Hamilton Spectator
- Vision '74 Nursing Home
- NetAccess Systems Inc.
- Sweet Paradise Bakery & Deli
- Anonymous

Guests also had the opportunity to visit exhibits set up by companies that are pacesetters for the 4th Annual Business Campaign. Redeemer students conducted tours of the new expansion (kitchen facilities, music and art rooms, food store), science labs and art exhibition.

The Annual Business Community Open House continues to be a successful way to build awareness of Redeemer within the corporate sector.

## Concert Choir

History was made on the weekend of February 7 and 8 as choirs from Brock University, McMaster University, and Redeemer University College converged on McMaster's campus for the first annual Ontario University Choral Festival (OUCF).

The weekend-long event included a number of workshops in topics such as proper breathing techniques, posture, effective vocal warm-up procedures, stretching, massaging and exercises in sight-reading. There was also a group rehearsal of the pieces the choirs would be performing together at the concert finale.

Sunday's concert, at Westdale United Church in Hamilton, saw each choir bring its absolute best, wowng those in the audience with a spectacular showcase of choral music. Redeemer's

Concert and Alumni Choirs opened the event by performing four pieces that emphasized the group's musical diversity. McMaster's Choir followed suit with a performance of *Requiem* by Herbert Howells that allowed them to use their substantial bass/baritone section to its fullest potential. Brock University's performance of Canadian folk songs proved to be entertaining and suited the group's personality very well.



Ontario University Choral Festival

Following the intermission, Jennifer Moir, the guest adjudicator from the University of Western Ontario, provided compliments and constructive criticism to all three choirs. Once the adjudication was complete, the concert and weekend were drawn to a close in grand style when all three choirs joined together to sing four Mendelssohn motets *en mass*.

Next year, Redeemer University College will host the second OUCF. Joining Brock, McMaster, and Redeemer will be the University of Guelph for another exciting weekend of entertainment, fellowship and song.

*Louizandre Dauphin is a first-year student from Hamilton, ON.*

### May 29

Celebrate the Class of 2004 at Redeemer's 19th Convocation ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Featured speaker is Dr. Janet Epp Buckingham, General Counsel for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

### May 31 - June 4

The Milk and Honey Summer Festival returns to Redeemer. This year's theme is *Divine and Human Identity*, and will feature Profs. Bert Polman and Elaine Botha. One of the highlights this year will be a concert featuring the Hamilton Police Male Chorus on Monday, May 31. For those not participating in Milk and Honey, tickets will be available at the Box Office. Tickets are \$10, Students/Seniors \$8 and are available at the door the night of the concert. 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Visiting the Hamilton area this summer? Redeemer rents 1, 2, and 3 bedroom furnished apartment units and 4 bedroom furnished town-house style units from Mid-May through Mid-August. Excellent nightly and weekly rates, further discounted for alumni. For more information or to book your accommodations, please call our Facilities Coordinator at (905) 648-2131 Ext.4260.



# Our Campus is Available to You

2003 was a challenging conference season for Redeemer

By Lisa Schuurman, Conference and Special Events Coordinator

What do World Vision, Tony Campolo, and athletes of the Canadian Body Building Federation have in common? They were just some of the 45,000 people who visited Redeemer University College during last summer's conference season.

Each April, as soon as students pack up their dorm, and say their goodbyes, Conference & Ancillary Services staff switch the entire campus from an academic institution to a conference center. "Welcoming guests to our campus during the summer is a stewardly use of our facility and provides a great opportunity to showcase Redeemer to many local and out-of province travelers," says Doreen Gringhuis, Director of Conference and Ancillary Services.

2003 was a challenging year for Conference Services. Like the rest of the province, Redeemer faced issues relating to SARS, West Nile, the War in Iraq, Mad Cow disease, and the Black Out. In particular, the SARS outbreak, which hit at the onset of conference season, affected bookings all summer. Conference staff became experts at explaining to international guests that despite the proximity to Toronto on the map, Hamilton did not have any cases of SARS. Redeemer responded to the outbreak by enacting measures to keep the campus safe for faculty, staff, students and guests. But still, five events were completely

cancelled due to the fear of SARS. What is more difficult to gauge is the revenue loss from the decreased number of attendees at many conferences.

Despite these issues, Redeemer continues to grow as a conference centre, in part due to its unique accommodations. The townhouse-style residences provide the privacy and small group fellowship among conferees that many organizations are striving to achieve with their events. A new brochure, featuring the slogan "*our campus is available to you*," is helping to spread the word about this great resource to a wider audience.

Just as it does for students, staff and faculty, the facilities and staff continue to provide excellent service to an ever-growing number of guests and visitors. For more information on how they can serve your group, please contact Conference Services at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4260, or check their website [www.redeemer.on.ca/conference\\_services](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/conference_services).

## Lights, Camera, Calling

How does a Christian fit into pop culture? This was the key question posed by Dr. William D. Romanowski, guest speaker at this year's *The World and Our Calling* Lecture Series. Romanowski is Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Calvin College, and author of a number of books on popular culture. Using clips from a number of popular and less-well known films, he challenged the audience of students, faculty, staff and guests to consider the impact of movies on our culture, and how Christians should respond.

Romanowski likened movies and films to a map – they are representations of where our culture is and where it is going. Movies are a part of shaping culture, and they are shaped by it. If a Christian can tap into the movie industry, the potential for many viewers to see and be affected by the film is great: Thirty per cent of movie tickets are sold to people aged 16-24, a time when personality and views are in flux.



Just like education, business, and other aspects of our fallen, sin-tainted creation, Christians should be involved in the making of media and popular culture as part of our redemptive calling. But Romanowski warned against making films that set out only to evangelize; Christians can have a much greater impact on society when they branch out into grittier and less clichéd ground with a message of hope and faith.

The lectures and the discussions that followed them were very well-received. *The World and Our Calling* Lecture Series brings to the university scholars who can sharpen the academic community in its calling to engage our culture in the light of Scripture.

Amy Binder is a second-year English major from Strathroy, ON.



# Athletics Images Fall Update 2003-2004

**Women's Soccer** Coaches: Tom Sauder, 5<sup>th</sup> year, Assistants Barry Mason, Karen Schouten; League: OCAA West Region

**Season Summary:** Redeemer capitalized on gritty defense and stellar goaltending by **Melanie Vlaming '06** from Nepean, ON to launch the team into its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive run at the OCAA Championships. Redeemer finished the regular season with 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the competitive West Region. Just like last season, Redeemer lost 1-0 to Durham College, which went on to win the OCAA Championships and eventually placing an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> at the CCAA Nationals.

Rookie scoring was a highlight - **Emily Sadlier '07** (Lakefield, ON), led the Royals with 5 goals on the season. Congratulations to **Brenda Brouwer '04** (Hamilton, ON) and **Kassandra Sauder '06** (Hamilton, ON) who were named OCAA West All-Stars.

**Men's Soccer** *Dave Mantel, 4<sup>th</sup> year, Duane Brouwer '99; OCAA West Region*

**Season Summary:** Success came with patience and determination. The Royals posted a 3 and 7 record as well as their best goals-for and -against in several seasons. Incoming rookies, including All-Star selections **Tim Bentum '06** (Woodstock, ON) and **Darren Sinke '07** (St. Catharines, ON), complemented a strong veteran squad.



Redeemer's Cross-Country Team: left to right, Jakob Van Dorp, Joe Groenveld, Elissa Wildeboer, Jordan Hall - Coach, Steve Veldkamp, Jessica Lise, Rachel Rauwerda

**Cross-Country, Jordan Hall '03**  
*Team Training: Jakob Van Dorp '06; OCAA*

The Redeemer Royals made an impact on the Cross-Country scene both provincially and nationally. **Jakob Van Dorp** (Warton, ON) led the men's team at the OCAA Provincial Championships, winning a silver medal, while **Elissa Wildeboer '07** (Markdale, ON) picked up an individual bronze medal, and, along with team mates **Rachel Rauwerda '07** (Chatham, ON) and **Jessica Lise '06** (Palmerston, ON) captured the women's team bronze. At the National Championships, the Royals were part of the team that won the All Conference Silver medal for the OCAA. All-Conference honours were awarded to Jakob Van Dorp, Elissa Wildeboer and Rachel Rauwerda. A great finish for Redeemer in its newest sport!

For complete and updated stats and standings be sure to check out the OCAA website at [www.ocaa.com](http://www.ocaa.com) and follow the links to Redeemer. Chris Groot '99's [www.itsportsnet.com](http://www.itsportsnet.com) site houses complete statistical information for the OCAA.

**Other news:** More than 600 fans took in the action as the Redeemer Royals hockey team played two games against the Calvin Knights. More information on the hockey team can be found at the league's website: [www.home.cogeco.ca/~nchl](http://www.home.cogeco.ca/~nchl)

Redeemer Athletics successfully hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual OCAA Allstar Game on January 10, featuring the best volleyball players in the province. Redeemer participants included middle hitter **Mark van Ooyen '04** (Burnaby, BC) and power hitter **Rich Vanderwier '06** (Smithville, ON), libero **Alyson Westra '04** (Ancaster, ON) and setter **Maggie Korman '07** (Hanover, ON). Alyson Westra placed first in the women's serving competition.

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# A Bigger Classroom

Opportunities resulting from Redeemer's new Education Program build on the excellent foundation of the B.C.Ed.

By Annette Eggengoor '94

Since 1991, Redeemer University College education graduates have had the opportunity to celebrate God at and through their work, mostly at independent Christian schools in Ontario. But now, with the granting of initial accreditation of the new Bachelor of Education program by the Ontario College of Teachers (see stories on p. 2 and p. 4), Redeemer graduates will have the opportunity to practice their craft, and share their joy, with a much wider audience. The significance of this enhanced scope is matched by the wide-reaching implications that this has for all those involved in Christian education.

Previous to this announcement, students in Redeemer's education program graduated with a Bachelor of Christian Education degree (B.C.Ed.). Independent Christian schools have long accepted this degree as recognition of a quality, professional teacher education program. However, it was not recognized by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), the licensing body for teachers in the province. Since all public and separate school boards in Ontario require their teachers to have an Ontario Certificate of Qualification, (formerly known as an Ontario Teaching Certificate, or OTC), Redeemer graduates were effectively barred from teaching in those schools. Redeemer grads will now be certified to teach in all schools in the province.

Redeemer is the first Ontario Christian university, and one of only 5 across Canada, to provide Christian education to prospective teachers that leads to provincial certification. Those



Redeemer alumna Jackie Sybersma helps grade 8 students at John Knox Christian School in Brampton define research topics during an assignment in the school's library.

within the independent school systems express amazement and joy that our secular society recognizes the legitimacy of a Christian education program. "If you had said, even five years ago, that the Ontario College of Teachers would be granting accreditation to a Christian university," says Dr. Cooper, "people would have just laughed. But God's hand has been at work here."

The new Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program builds on and maintains the original course offerings of the B.C.Ed. program. Dr. John Vriend, Director of Teacher Education, is pleased that the Ontario College of Teachers granted the initial accreditation without conditions: "The OCT was positive and affirming in their extensive review



of Redeemer's program, which is an excellent recognition of the B.C.Ed. program."

The design for this new program meets, and even exceeds, provincial requirements. To earn a B.Ed., most Ontario Faculties of Education currently require students to take between ten and fifteen courses.

Redeemer has opted for a fifteen-course program that will be offered over two years. Since a normal student workload is ten courses per year, this new structure allows students flexibility and choice in their program. Those who are taking the education degree concurrently with their B.A. or B.Sc. can complete some of their other course requirements alongside their teaching courses. Students taking the degree program consecutively will have the opportunity to take other courses of interest to them, or take the program part-time.

These additional education courses comprise one of the main changes to the B.Ed. program. The focus of many of these new courses is

on practical teaching areas such as classroom management, student assessment, and special education. Angela Zondag Stegeman '92, a teacher at John Knox Christian School in Brampton, ON, comments that these are skills which are needed more than ever: "The reality of teaching today, even within Christian schools, is that there will be at least one child in the class with either a developmental or learning disability or a behaviour problem."

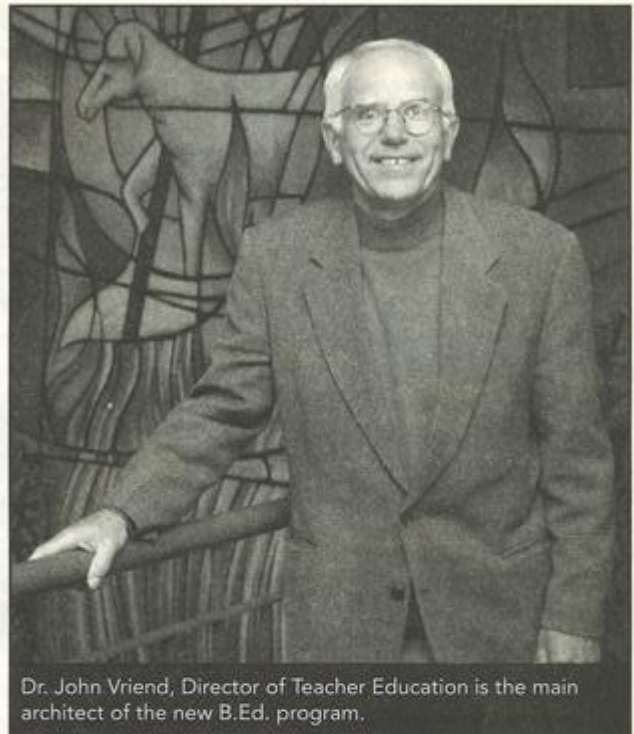
Teaching practicums, which give students the opportunity to implement their new skills in the classroom, have also changed. The two five-week sessions have been lengthened to six weeks each, and one of these sessions will now take place within a publicly-

funded system.

This is a great opportunity for Redeemer's student teachers, especially those who have been educated exclusively in Christian grade and high schools. Brenda Rauwerda, a current education student, notes that this practicum "will give [student teachers] another view of schooling and open our eyes to the public system. It will also give students an opportunity to be a model of Christian beliefs, characteristics and teaching approaches."

**Prospective teachers are looking forward to the broader opportunities an OCQ will provide**

Those comments are echoed by current teachers. Jackie DeWeerd Sybersma '95, who also teaches at John Knox in Brampton notes, "I think I have it easy sometimes with respect to discipline and community and class management. Getting some experience in the public system under my belt would allow me to see if I could do it there too." Angela Stegeman feels that a practicum in a Catholic or public school will stimulate thinking about the reality of society and the issues children face. She also sees student teachers "benefiting spiritually from the challenges that arise from living one's faith outside of what is safe and comfortable." And it may also help student teachers see the value of the type of prayerful community that Christian schools foster for children and their teachers.



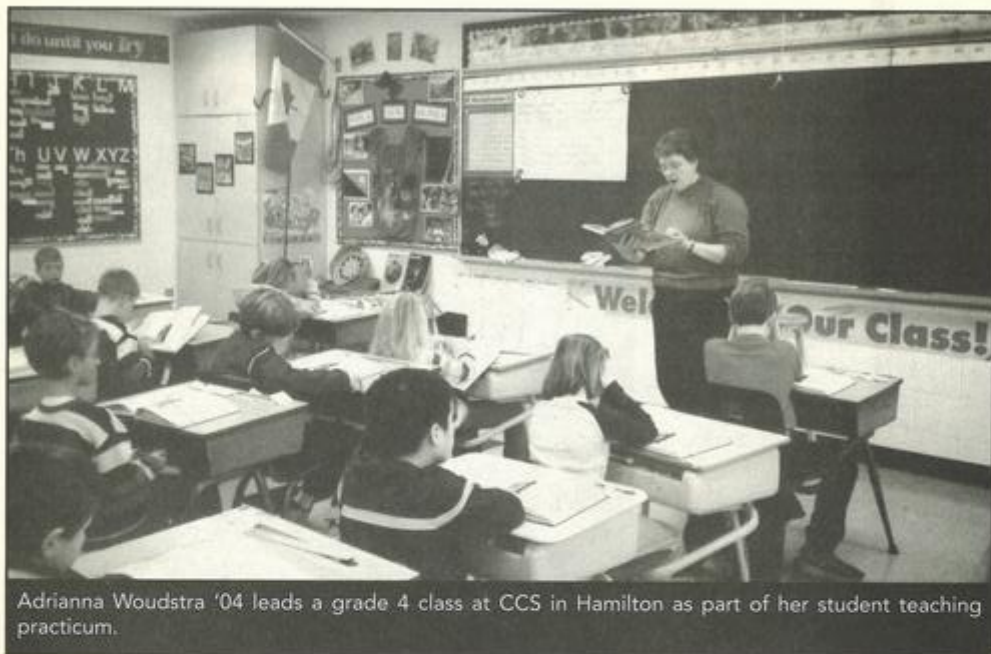
Dr. John Vriend, Director of Teacher Education is the main architect of the new B.Ed. program.

In spite of these changes, the core foundational courses of Redeemer's education program will not need reshaping. Prospective teachers come to Redeemer with the desire to be educated from a Christian perspective, and to have that thinking give shape to their work as teachers in the classroom. This strong foundation in the history and philosophy of education, and in educational psychology, will not change. Redeemer remains absolutely committed to a Christian perspective on teaching. According to Dr. Cooper, one of the most pleasing aspects of the initial accreditation attainment is that Redeemer is "able to maintain the integrity and distinctiveness of a program taught on a Christian foundation." It is this commitment to a Christian perspective which many graduates praise as the foundation for their education.

As the Education Department develops and adapts to these changes, other considerations are arising. For one, the department is looking



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Adrianna Woudstra '04 leads a grade 4 class at CCS in Hamilton as part of her student teaching practicum.

forward to increased enrolment – the Admissions Office has fielded hundreds of inquiries since the new program was announced. Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice-President (Academic) feels that the accreditation is a gift from God, but also cautions that with every gift comes responsibility: “The challenge for Redeemer is to provide the best program possible for a larger and increasingly diverse student body within the limits of what the Education Department is able to provide.”

Prospective teachers are looking forward to the broader opportunities an Ontario Certificate of Qualification (OCQ) will provide for them in the

work force. These options will require a deep examination of where God would have them serve, considerations that go beyond potential differences in salary and professional standing. Although the major focus of the B.Ed. program will remain on preparing teachers for Christian schools, the Education Department will need to consider whom they are teaching and where they hope to teach. For example, Dr. Cooper notes that many of Redeemer's students come from the public system and they may feel led to return there to teach. Also, Redeemer has students from the Catholic faith who can further shed Christ's light in

the separate school system.

Dr. Ellens is encouraging the Education Department to spend time reflecting on how Redeemer can best serve and train students to be effective teachers in all settings, including public and Catholic schools. He points out that “students are a witness no matter where they serve. Some may be called to be an individual witness within the public school system while others may be called to further the corporate witness we have to our world within independent and separate schools.”

Those who advocate for independent Christian schools maintain that they are great places to teach children a Christian life view. But they also recognize that teachers may want to serve, as with any other occupation, in the public sector. Today's culture makes this no easy task for teachers. Mark Kennedy, Executive Director for the Association of Christian Schools International, believes that Redeemer's role becomes even more important for students who choose to teach in the public system: “These students will benefit from a Christian worldview and philosophy that can support them wherever they teach.”

Even before the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) announced that Redeemer had received initial certification, many alumni were asking how accreditation would affect the status of their B.C.Ed. “Unlike 1998, when Redeemer was able to exchange an alumnus' B.C.S. degree for a B.A. or B.Sc., in this case there can be no automatic retroactivity because the two programs are not identical,” says Dr. Cooper. “However, we are working to find a way for those alumni who have the B.C.Ed. to earn a B.Ed. from Redeemer that recognizes their experience and prior education, and is also accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers.”

Redeemer's Education Department is drafting a proposal to address these concerns: “The new B.Ed. program is a fifteen-course program while the Bachelor of Christian Education is an eleven-course program. We will consider a proposal and discuss it with the Ontario College of Teachers and eventually the Redeemer Senate,” notes Dr. Vriend, Director of Teacher Education. Although the details have yet to be worked out, it is likely that this “bridge program” will require the completion of extra courses.

Dr. Vriend says that it will probably be some time before a decision can be made. Once the process has been determined, those alumni with a B.C.Ed. will be notified about what would be involved in earning a B.Ed. from Redeemer.



Since the beginning of Redeemer's education program in 1991, thousands of children have been taught by Redeemer alumni. Including the Class of 2003, more than 330 Redeemer students have graduated with a B.C.Ed. Although some of those alumni have taken their degree to teach in other provinces or countries, most have stayed in Ontario.

According to the information provided in the 2003-04 Christian Schools International Directory, there are 59 elementary schools in Ontario, with a total of 766 teachers on staff. Of those 766 teachers, 115 (15%) have a B.C.Ed. from Redeemer; they are found in 41 (69.5%) of the schools listed.

This figure does not include those Redeemer alumni who earned their teacher certification/B.Ed. at another institution (including those who did the Combined program with Calvin College), those with a B.C.Ed. who are not currently teaching, and any who may be improperly coded or simply missed.

Although there is no similar directory to track their numbers, quite a few Redeemer education graduates teach in schools affiliated with the Association of Christian Schools International. Smaller numbers work in out-of-province, publicly-funded, or other schools.

It is reassuring to note that leaders from independent school systems are encouraged by this initial accreditation, and do not feel threatened by teachers having more opportunities in the area of job choice. "Christian schools are not going to disappear," says Hilda Roukema, Executive Director of the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association. In fact,

she feels that independent schools that have provincially-certified teachers will gain credibility. The OCQ will be more easily recognized and accepted by parents in the independent schools systems, particularly by those parents who are not from a traditional support base. Kennedy also believes the granting of an OCQ will be perceived by the Christian community as an additional qualification for teachers; but he feels it is really "only confirmation of the quality of Redeemer graduates and the teacher's program Redeemer has had all along."

Students, current teachers and representatives from various school systems are enthusiastic about the Bachelor of Education degree and the initial accreditation by the Ontario Teachers College. It is a testament to the dedication and tenacity of all those who have patiently worked behind the scenes to achieve it. And initial accreditation is not the end of changes for the Education Department. Looking forward, Redeemer hopes to eventually expand the program to allow those with a B.C.Ed. to "bridge" to a B.Ed. (and earn their OCQ in the process; see sidebar article), to complete a secondary education program, and to offer Additional Qualification courses for all teachers.

It is encouraging to see Redeemer developing plans and dreaming for the future to further the skills and understanding of Christians in the field of education. It is also rewarding to see Christians having the opportunity to increase the scope of their testimony in a system that has so often turned away from anything to do with God. Dr. Vriend has commented that the new education program is "not an ending but a new beginning in a new level of service." But it is also an extension of Redeemer's mission, taking the quality program that has always prevailed onto a larger stage,

shining Christ's light in new places. As this new program unfolds, a wealth of possibilities open up in all kinds of new directions, and people involved at all levels will see fresh opportunities to utilize their faith and Christian perspective to engage our culture and impact the world for Christ. |

*Annette Visser Eggengoor '94 taught for a number of years in Christian schools in Ontario. She is currently a stay-at-home mom with 3 children – Kira, age 6.5 and twins Rane & Jared age 5. Annette, husband Mark, and the children worship at Heartlake Baptist in Brampton, where she is also a volunteer director of a children's ministry program.*



*Thanks also to staff and students at Calvin Christian School (Hamilton) and John Knox Christian School (Brampton) for allowing Images to take some photographs in their classes.*

For more detailed information on the new Bachelor of Education program, including admission requirements and a model schedule of courses, visit [www.redeemer.on.ca/academics/education/](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/academics/education/)



# A Day in the Life of a Redeemer Residence

What goes on in Redeemer's townhouse-style residences? How do 8 people get ready for the day? Do they really cook wholesome, nutritious meals? And what do the students do when they are not studying? Are residences angel-factories – or dens of iniquity?

Images gave Steve Geleynse, co-RA of Dorm 9, a camera and asked him to share with readers some of what goes on in their residence on a typical day. We thank him and all the guys of Dorm 9 for sharing a bit of their lives.

A typical day in the life of a dorm is somewhat hard to characterize, simply because what makes a day in the life of a dorm typical is its randomness and lack of predictability. That said, a sort of pattern does emerge after a while, and that is what I hope you catch a glimpse of.

## The day begins...

At 7:45, the first person usually stumbles out of bed and attempts to pull themselves together in time for their 8:00 class. Others, however, will not rise for several hours.

In the course of the day people are in and out all of the

time. Breakfast usually runs from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Lunch is anywhere from about 10:30 to 3:00, and snacktime is from 2:00 pm to at least bedtime. Because of classes and other activities, you can never be sure who is going to be in the dorm during the day. However, on this morning, I did manage to get a picture of Justin doing homework on his computer.

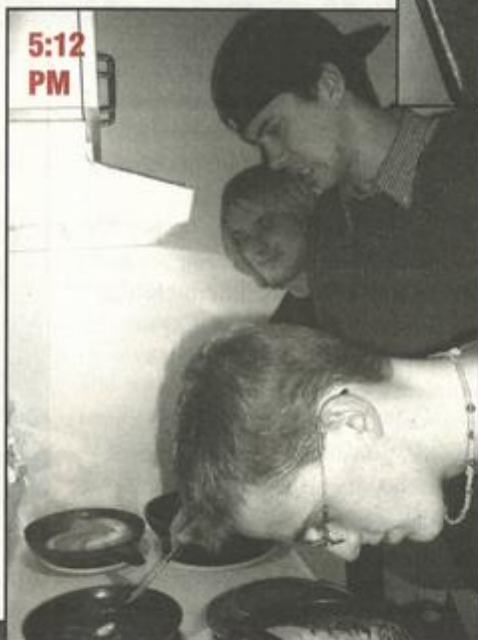
## Dinner in the Dorms...

Things usually start to heat up around suppertime when there are more people home. On this particular night Tim, Ben

Making supper is always an adventure; since most of us don't often plan on what we'll make for dinner,

## The Early Morning...

Going to sleep in a dorm usually begins around midnight and continues through the wee hours. And that's assuming there isn't a paper or test due tomorrow. Of course, we could be awakened any moment by our pesky neighbours wanting to visit, or looking for something to borrow. Tonight, however, the commotion was Jon and Matt getting into a little friendly rumble in their room, which was very interesting, especially seeing tiny Jon hold his own against much bigger Matt. And in just a few hours, it will all start again; ah...dorm life.



many dorms often end up borrowing some part of their meal from another dorm (and sometimes the pot to cook it in, too).

## The Early Evening...

After dinner, some of the guys stick around to do dishes, and some head to night class or another other on-campus activity. Mostly, we enjoy sitting around the living room and letting our food digest as we play one rousing game after another of Mario Cart.

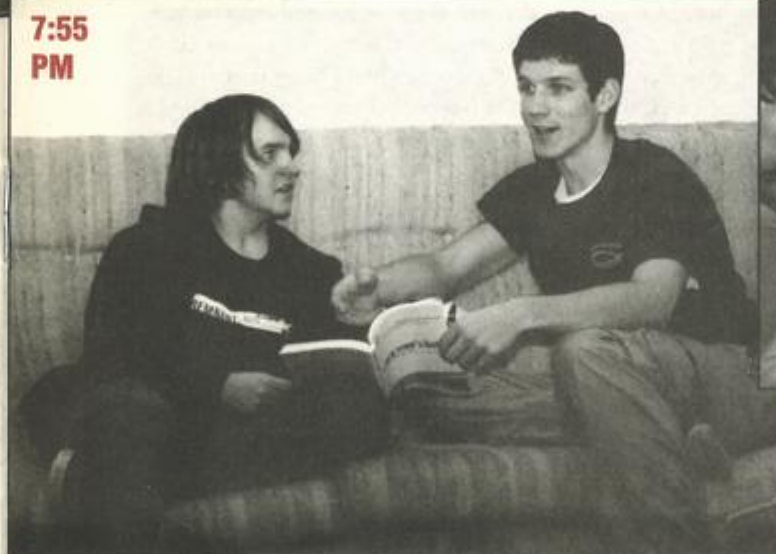
Once a week we have devotions within our dorm. This is a time for all of the guys in the house to get together and learn about God, get away from the busyness of school and spend time together. We share our joys and struggles and we have grown a lot from these times.

and I were cooking and we were hosting a guest from MissionFest. Tim and Ben decided we should have a breakfast supper (sausage, bacon, eggs, and pancakes). Fortunately, our guest was a Redeemer grad himself and pretty easy going – he said it brought back good memories of his own dorm days at Redeemer.



The residents of Dorm 9:  
Jonathan VanScheep, Brantford, ON  
Ben Bokma, Schubencadie, NS  
Eric O'Neil, Wingham, ON  
Steve Geleynse, Clinton, ON  
Mark Sinke (Co-R.A.), St. Catharines, ON

(not pictured above):  
Tim Bentum, Woodstock, ON  
Matt Bergman, Caistor Centre, ON  
Justin DeHaan, St. Catharines, ON



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# From Ukraine to Canada and back

by Kathleen Seagram '04

**H**er first-year dorm-mates began by calling her Fred, her mother calls her Slava, and most of the Redeemer community knows her as Mira. But knowing what name to answer to was the least of her concerns as she adjusted to life in Canada.

Myroslava Ponomarenko is a second-year student from Kiev, Ukraine. She was first introduced to Canada by living in Scarborough during a seven-month high school exchange program. While there, she had the opportunity to visit Redeemer and was won over by three students who gave up half of a day to show her around the campus and answer her questions. Although she would return to Kiev for the summer, the open and encouraging atmosphere made her want to be a part of this community. Still, it wasn't until three weeks before Check-in Day in September 2002 that she knew for sure she would be coming. Mira says it was providence – as demonstrated through a significant scholarship, an unusually low-priced plane ticket and her mother's unexpected blessing – that brought her here.

Mira says it was providence ... that brought her here

The adjustment from Ukrainian to Canadian culture has been a long process. Knowing English minimized the language barrier, but Canadian slang proved to be a challenge that lasted

throughout most of her first year. Though living with seven other girls was initially scary, dorm life turned out to be a blessing. The love she received from her first year dorm-mates eased the transition process and her roommate challenged and encouraged Mira in her faith. It was an experience that helped bring her back to Redeemer for another year.

Mira is majoring in Business, and finds that the program here is much more practical than the theoretical nature of business studies in Ukraine. She is also taking minors in Religion & Theology and Psychology, both of which are interests of hers. It was this interest that led her "home" on a short-term mission last spring. She went back to Ukraine with ten other Redeemer students, but this time to a community of her country with which she had little contact – the Roma (Gypsies). Spending time with these, the poorest people of the land, changed her heart. Mira is open to more work in Missions but she is awaiting God's leading.

Mira has a love for classical, choral and guitar music. In fact, she plays a Ukrainian folk instrument called the Bundura, which she describes as a hybrid of the guitar and harp. She learned this instrument during her high-school years at an after-school music program. This intensive program provided training in music theory, music literature and performance through private Bundura lessons. In the end she received a Music Diploma in addition to her high school Diploma. Mira is also fascinated by history and philosophy.



In those days she never dreamed she would have the opportunity to come to Canada for university studies. But through the process, and even now, Mira has been learning to allow God to control her life. Philippians 4:6 – *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God* – has been her constant reminder of God's faithfulness and the joy of living a life surrendered to our Lord. |

Kathleen Seagram is a fourth-year English major from Stayner, ON



# Should Christians support the Kyoto Protocol?

by Amy Binder

This was the topic of the year's first Counterpoint, an open discussion forum designed to encourage the Redeemer community to think critically about important issues from different perspectives. Organized by the Business Department, the Counterpoint format consists of two 15-minute presentations followed by a half hour of questions and discussion from an audience of students, faculty, staff and visitors

The Kyoto Protocol, created in 1997, calls on nations to cut back emissions of carbon dioxide to an average of 6% below the 1990 levels

by the year 2012. The current level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is about 100 ppm (parts per million) higher than pre-industrial levels, and is increasing at a rate of about 2 ppm per year. Dr. Henry Brouwer (l), Professor of Chemistry, argued that, as Christians concerned with stewardly use of creation, we need to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by cutting back on fossil fuel use, and using alternative, renewable energy sources.

Assistant Professor of Business Rob Harvey (r) looked at this issue from the standpoint of the Creation Mandate and concluded that Christians should not support the Kyoto Protocol because our role as stewards of what has been entrusted to us in creation includes not only the environment but also our responsibilities to our families, our neighbours, and the gifts and talents God has given each

of us. As we exercise this mandate to fill the earth and subdue as we live and work, we will produce more CO<sub>2</sub>.

Two very different arguments, and two very different answers, but both are based on a common desire to exercise stewardship. Like previous topics on dealing with poverty, environment stewardship and electricity price caps, Counterpoint gives members of the Redeemer community a chance to state their opinion – and hear from others.



## Part-Time Instructors

Redeemer is blessed to have a number of part-time and sessional instructors to complement its full-time, permanent faculty. For this Winter Term, we welcome the following instructors:

### Part-Time Instructors:

David Antscherl – Theatre Arts  
Harry Blyleven – Education  
Peter Bulthuis – Geography  
Nancy Calvert-Koyzis – Religion and Theology  
Joe Abbey-Colborne – Guest Director  
Sara Croke – Biology  
Diane Dent – French  
Robert Di Francesco – Spanish  
\*Karen Dieleman – English  
Andrew Donaldson – Music  
Barbara Fernier – Education

Benita Fredlund – Music  
\*Allen Horton – History  
\*Laura Lee Lautens – Environmental Science  
Frances Manias-Jackson – Physical Education  
Dianne Moroz – Physical Education  
Peter Noteboom – Political Science  
Lisa Onbelet – English, Writing Centre  
Helen Plaisier – French  
Dirk Schouten – English  
\*Barry Sloan – Physics  
Betty Steenbeek – Physical Education

Gideon Strauss – Philosophy  
\*Bettina Strumm – English  
James Tughan – Art  
Helen Vreugdenhil – History  
Linda Williams – Education  
Petra Zantingh – Art

### Full-Time Sessional

Sharon Klassen – English  
John Templeton – Mathematics

*\*First Time Instructors*

Redeemer University College is also pleased to announce the re-appointment of Dr. Doug Loney as Dean of the Arts and Foundations Division (three-year term), and Dr. Douglas Needham as Dean of the Sciences and Social Sciences Division (five-year term).





### Library acquires works of Bernard Zylstra

Redeemer's Library is now home to the collected works of one of the seminal figures of Reformed Christian thinking in Ontario. Dr. Bernard Zylstra was Principal (1978-83) and later President (1983-85) of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. His scholarship and teaching promoted the Reformational tradition of integrating faith in Jesus Christ with every aspect of life. Although his primary discipline was political theory, Dr. Zylstra's interests extended to many areas. Through his work at ICS, he taught, and had a great influence on, a number of faculty members at Redeemer and other Christian colleges. He passed away in 1986.

Stored in two filing cabinets in the Library's Collections Room, the Zylstra Papers consist of copies of his correspondence, drafts and copies of his speeches, articles, books, and notes he compiled while doing research on a wide range of topics. Each piece has been numbered, catalogued

and indexed to allow historians, researchers and other interested parties to efficiently access this wealth of information.

The complete index of the holdings of the Zylstra Papers can be accessed at [www.redeemer.on.ca/library](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/library). The collection is accessible to all who are interested in learning more about Dr. Zylstra's life and work.

### Gary Chiang recovering from surgery

Professor of Biology Dr. Gary Chiang is recuperating at home following successful surgery to repair an aneurysm in his brain. Dr. Chiang collapsed after playing a game of squash on Monday, January 26 and he was taken to hospital in Hamilton. Although the blood vessel had not ruptured, there was much concern because it was leaking blood.



Doctors in Toronto were able surgically to repair the aneurysm on February 11 and he was released home on February 15. The entire Redeemer community joins his wife Jennifer (a Biology Instructor at Redeemer), and their children in giving thanks to our faithful and merciful Father for preserving Dr. Chiang's life.

### Dooyeweerd Conference - Dialogue with Catholic Thought

The Dooyeweerd Centre and Redeemer University College hosted a mini-conference on November 27, 2003 on the theme "Aspects of Nature and Grace in Roman Catholic Thought."

Dr. Eduardo Echeverria, from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, was the Guest Lecturer. Although he is Roman Catholic, Dr. Echeverria is no stranger to Reformational thought – he received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the Free University of Amsterdam, and was the appointed professor to the Chair in Calvinistic Philosophy at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

The conference featured three main lectures and a response to each provided by another scholar. Dr. Echeverria gave two presentations; the first, "Nature and Grace in the Thought of Etienne Gilson: Points of convergence with Reformational Thought," was followed by a response by Dr. Bob Sweetman from the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto.

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice-President (Academic) of Redeemer University College responded to the second of Dr. Echeverria's lectures, "John Paul II's Christian Vision of Intellectual Inquiry, Especially Christian Philosophy, in Fides et Ratio." Students in Dr. Ellens' Senior Seminar class on the Papal Encyclicals attended the Mini-Conference as part of their course and participated in the discussions.

Dr. Al Wolters presented the third lecture, "Some Thoughts on Nature



and Grace in Contemporary Roman Catholic Biblical Scholarship," to which Dr. George Vandervelde of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto responded.



Dr. Eduardo Echeverria

This mini-conference was well-attended and featured very lively discussions after all three lectures. The critical issue throughout was whether Reformational scholars actually attributed nature-grace dualism to Catholic thinkers, when their body of thought showed more signs of an integral Biblical understanding of "nature." To what extent "nature" and "creation" were referring to the same state of affairs remained a point open to further discussion. The general consensus was that the discussions were helpful in clarifying some views attributed to Catholic thinkers and it was hopeful to recognize some insights common to Catholic and Reformational thought.

One of Redeemer University College's research centres, The Dooyeweerd Centre for Christian Philosophy is committed to making accessible the works of Herman Dooyeweerd and to further development of philosophical work shaped by Christian core beliefs. Directed by Dr. M. Elaine Botha, the Dooyeweerd Centre's main current project is the translation and publication into English of Dooyeweerd's works.

## Pascal Centre Projects

Under the direction of Dr. Wayne Norman, work at The Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science, continues to move forward as well. The Pascal Centre is currently involved with three major projects:

1. Developing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Bible and science. Through a series of consultations and conferences, the Pascal Centre is engaging Christian scholars from a variety of disciplines in a discussion of what Scripture has to say in the realm of natural sciences.
2. The Centre is planning to co-sponsor a number of on-campus lectures with the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation (CSCA), a professional association of men and women in science and related disciplines who share a common Christian faith and commitment to the integrity of science. Contact the Pascal Centre if you are interested in learning more about these lectures.
3. Dr. Jitse van der Meer continues to supervise the collection of an exhaustive database on works relating to faith and science. Funded by a \$500,000 donation from the Templeton Foundation, this already represents the largest collection of such resources anywhere. Much of the work now involves indexing the collection.

Research is an integral part of Redeemer's mission, and the two Centres are important components of this work. Although in governance and financing they are somewhat autonomous of Redeemer University College, the bodies work together in support of their common goal -- furthering Christian research.

For example, the Centres bring scholars to campus for lectures and conferences, enriching the academic work of both faculty and students. The respected work that goes on at the Centres also raises Redeemer's profile in the academic community. As Dr. Norman points out, "there are academics out there who have no idea about Redeemer University College, but they do know, and esteem, the Pascal Centre."





*Redeemer is blessed to have an outstanding faculty. Images provides a forum for faculty opinions on topics relating to Redeemer and its support community in "Lectern-at-Large"*

## Learning from Cycling

by Dr. John Byl, Professor of Physical Education

June 30, 2003 was a beautiful morning to be biking, but it ended with me lying on a hospital bed getting x-rayed. Less than three kilometers into a ride back to Hamilton from Port Burwell, I was hit by a pick-up truck driven by someone who had had too much to drink. As a result, I suffered injuries to my leg, shoulder, and head.

We had read Psalm 121 that morning for breakfast devotions. It ends with the familiar lines, "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." And my life was spared that day! During the first week in the hospital, apparently I told my wife often, "I'm alive!" and I thanked God for protecting me. My wife said, "God still has plans for you."

In the process of healing, God taught me much; let me share some of it with you.

I have no idea why I was spared and others in similar situations are not. But I now know, in a stronger way, that each day is a gift of God. I know that for someone to drink and drive is to play with death. I know that without my bicycle helmet, I would not be writing this note today. And I know that each day is a gift for all of us to enjoy in praise to God.

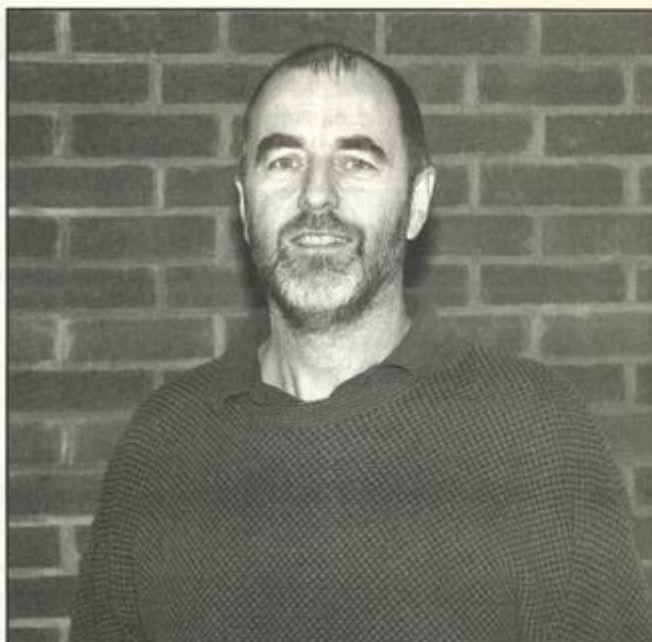
People told me later that they had heard about the accident on the radio, or seen the accident scene on televi-

sion. I had no prayer ladder in place, but the prayers of God's people came streaming in for me across this country. I know of these prayers because in the weeks following the accident, as some of my injuries healed remarkably quickly, I felt an amazing peace, and I saw a vision of people holding me up in an offering of

prayer. When I returned to Redeemer in September, several students, some of whom I had not taught before, asked how I was doing and mentioned that they had been praying for me during the summer. I learned about the power of prayer raised to the Redeemer.

**I know that each day is a gift for all of us to enjoy in praise to God**

Something else I am learning is forgiveness. I recently read Lewis Smedes' helpful book *The Art of Forgiving*. In it, he notes that, "We rediscover the humanity of the person who hurt us." The driver that hit me is not a drunk driver, but rather a person, an image bearer of God, who chose to drink and drive. He too is a person that needs healing and prayer. I wish I had read this book earlier because when I have spoken with students from time-to-time about issues with which they were dealing, they often have had difficulty understanding and applying



forgiveness as part of their struggle.

On the other hand, "forgiving an intolerable wrong does not make it tolerable ... nor does not mean we intend to put up with it." Drinking and driving is intolerably wrong, and I am now making it a priority to get this message out.

As I write this note, there is still significant healing that needs to take place. As a human being I have emotions, and God has gifted me with healing in that part of my life. Even though some days they are very low, many days my emotions are positive. Most times, I'm not even sure why these emotions shift so much, but I know I am created good in the image of God, and that in all I am I have opportunity to bless God and others by properly imaging God. I thank God for the way He has upheld me, and the ways so many of you have carried me in prayer! |



## Upcoming Alumni Events and Activities

### March 12 and 13

In association with the Redeemer Alumni Association, Sara Weber '97 will be performing her one-person play *On the Roof* in Redeemer's Studio Theatre. As featured in the Fall 2003 issue of *Images*, *On the Roof* is the story of Sara's experiences during her mother's struggle with cancer.

Don't miss this performance, which Jon Kaplan of *NOW Magazine* calls "both touching and genuinely funny." Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors; Redeemer alumni can take advantage of the student rate by showing their Alumni Card. Advance tickets are available at the Redeemer Box Office at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4211; tickets will also be sold each night at the door. For more information on Sara's play, please visit [www.ontheroof.ca](http://www.ontheroof.ca)

### March 26

Alumni-Varsity Basketball Challenge. Bragging rights are up for grabs as Redeemer varsity players of the past take on those of the present. Similar to the Volleyball Challenge (see story at right), there will be a Women's game at 6:30 pm and the Men's game will start at 8:30 pm.

Alumni interested in participating in the game should contact the Athletic Office at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4267 or [athletic@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:athletic@redeemer.on.ca)

### September 18

The Tenth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will take place at the New Course at Knollwood Golf Course on Book Rd. in Ancaster. Details will be posted later this spring on the web-site [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni)

### October 2

All alumni and their families are invited to the Redeemer Alumni Association's annual Homecoming celebration. If you have any suggestions as to activities, please contact the Alumni Office at Redeemer. Complete details and registration forms will be available on-line later this spring, and in the June issue of *Images*. Mark your calendars now!

## Alumni hold court with Varsity V-ball Teams

The gymnasium was rockin' on Friday, January 16 when the alumni volleyball teams went head to head with the varsity Royals. In the women's match-up, the varsity Royals seemed taken by surprise at the level of play on the other side of the court. The alumni gelled as a team right from the get go and came out with great offensive power, especially from Michelle VanBerkel '00 who led with 14 offensive points. VanBerkel still holds the OCAA record for most blocks in a match with 10. Carlena VanDriel Schipper '03 also added to the alumni team's attack with 9 points. Carlena holds the OCAA's record with 110 stuff blocks, ranks third all-time with 591 offensive points and is fifth with 420 kills over her career. Tammy Dibbitts '94 did a wonderful job quarterbacking the team as setter. All four games were intense with scores of 25-22, 25-23 16-25 and 25-21. Others on

the alumni roster included Melanie Yzerman Bartels 'x99, Amanda Devries '02, Trish Herrewynen-Brouwer '01, Tracy VanDijk '94, Tanya Middel Hoekstra '03, and Betty Dykerman Steenbeek '90.

It was John Byl's night to shine as coach for the men's alumni team. Dr. Byl directed a solid squad that defeated the varsity Royals in a five-game nail-biter 22-25, 21-25, 25-14, 25-19 and 17-15. Jordan Hall '03 had a stellar performance with 20 offensive points while Mark Benschop's '04 16 points led the varsity players. The alumni team consisted of big-name players such as Brad Heidbuurt '00, Kevin Adema '01, Cliffe Hodgkinson '99, Justin Cook '95, Nathan Siebenga '01, Ken Mercer '04, Colin DeRaaf '03 and Terry Talsma '99. Mercer holds the OCAA record for 37 service aces in the 00-01 season, and Colin DeRaaf '03 is second all-time with 554 career kills, and third overall with 649 total offensive points.

The next day, Redeemer played host to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual co-ed alumni tournament with four teams present. The day was full of intense, fun and competitive volleyball! Congratulations to the "Skipperz" for winning the tournament.



The Skipperz back row: Ken Mercer, Ryan Schipper '02, Paul Marcus '04, Jordan Hall front row: Deanna Geertsma '05, Carlena VanDriel Schipper



## Personal Touch

Congratulations to **Joanna Laberge Farmer '03** who married Daniel Farmer on October 11, 2003. Friends and family celebrated with them in her hometown of Merrickville. Address: 56 ½, Apt. #2, Church Street, Smith's Falls ON K7A 1H6; Phone: (613) 284-1684, E-mail: pumpkin\_peaches@hotmail.com

Congratulations to **Rodney** (current Redeemer student) & **Kirsten Crosthwaite Glasbergen '03** who were married on September 20, 2003. The wedding took place in Wellandport, Ontario and the couple is now residing in Hamilton.

**Jason '99** & **Rachel Van Arragon Hofing '99** are pleased to announce the birth of Isaac James Hofing on August 20, 2003. They can be reached at 905-576-6750.

**David & Tracey Buys Werkema '97** thank God for the safe arrival of their second child, Julia Grace. She was born on October 10, 2003 and is a little sister for Cory.

Congratulations to **Katharina Bastian '97** who graduated from Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, Oklahoma) from a Masters of Christian Counseling Program with high honours. She received the award for "Outstanding Student in an Academic Program" at the Masters level. She has recently returned to Canada and is in the process of opening a professional counseling practice in Peterborough, ON. Her address is: 738 Daleview Road, Peterborough, ON, K9L 1J5; phone 705-745-3162; email katbastian@hotmail.com

**Ryan '02** & **Carlena Van Driel Schipper '03** were married on August 8, 2003. They had a beautiful day and spent their honeymoon in Newfoundland. Ryan is in his 2nd year of teaching at Toronto District Christian Highschool and Carlena

is working at Mississauga Lifecare Centre as an Activity Coordinator. Their address is: 36 Umbria Crescent, Vaughan, Ontario, N4H 2E1; phone 905-856-0542; email ryanandcarlena@hotmail.com

**Gerrit, Justin and Marika** are excited to announce the birth of their brother Theo, born on October 30, 2003 to **Heather Wind-Mulder '91** & **Art Mulder**. Besides arguing over who gets to hold Theo, they also enjoy various homeschooling activities (which keeps Heather busy). Art still works at Robarts Research Institute of London as a computer systems administrator. If you would like to get in touch with them, email them at hwindmulder@sympatico.ca

**John '98** & **Alison DeVries Lise '99** praise God for the safe arrival of their daughter, Anna Monique, born on September 4, 2003. Their address is: 287 Tartan Drive, London, Ontario, N5V 4W9; email liseanddevries@aol.com

**Darren Brouwer '97** & **Paula Sharpe** were married on July 29, 2000 in Vancouver, B.C. Darren defended his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of British Columbia in April 2003 and Paula graduated from the School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia in May 2003. They are presently living in southern England where Darren is doing post-doctoral research at the University of Southampton and Paula works as a social worker. They can be reached at: 40A Shirley Road, Shirley, Southampton, United Kingdom, SO15 3EU; email darrenandpaula@yahoo.ca

**Maureen Elgersman Lee '90** recently received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of History at the University of Southern Maine, where she continues to hold the position as Faculty Scholar for the African American Collection of Maine. Maureen can be reached at elgersma@usm.maine.edu

Congratulations to **Krista Posthumus Ritskes '99** who married Chris Ritskes on August 9, 2003. Chris works as a pharmacist at Lakeridge Health in Port Perry and Krista continues to teach at Immanuel Christian School in Oshawa. Current Address: 46 Henderson Drive, Oshawa, Ontario, L1N 7Y6; email kritskes03@yahoo.com

**Ralph Pot '94** and his wife **Sara** (DeJonge) were blessed with a second child, **Sophia Ruth**, on October 14, 2003. In June, the Pot family left Minnesota and moved to St. Catharines, where Ralph works for Beacon Christian Elementary School as a teacher and vice-principal while Sara stays at home with the girls. Their new address is: 34 Ghent St., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2N 2C7; email rspot94@vaxxine.com

**Emily Houweling '02** is beginning a one-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) as an English tutor in Haiti. MCC is the service, development and relief agency of North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. Part of the MCC's Service and Learning Together (SALT) program, training includes a one-week orientation session at MCC headquarters in Akron, PA.

**Allen Korvemaker '90** and **Linda Booy** give thanks to God for the birth of their son **Samuel Owen**, on November 1, 2003.

**Rob and Marianne Van Gorp Langedoen '01** are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, **Tyler Andries**. Tyler was born on December 14, 2003, a little brother for **Theresa ('01)**. Address: 152 Carleton St. E. Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0.



## Serving in Afghanistan

Corporal Josh de Boer 'x95 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Canadian Regiment is in Afghanistan serving as a radio-operator as part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Most of this is just like another desk job, except that he carries the desk on his back. And along with the radio, De Boer also carries his own weapon and ammunition, food and water – close to 60 pounds in total. Beyond providing communications back to headquarters, he also provides “rear security” – checking license plates (in Arabic) for known vehicle threats, looking for anybody following the team that shouldn't be, checking for “opfor” (bad guys) in the crowds, and doing the plain “smile and wave” at the people.

“I get the chance to interact with the locals fairly often, sometimes through an interpreter and sometimes just

through waving my hands. It is often heartbreaking when I begin to see more fully the abject poverty most of these people live in.” Even though life in Afghanistan is still very dangerous for foreign troops, de Boer loves his job: “I'm seeing things most people will never get to see. And I really feel that I am making a difference in the world.”

Josh is married to Sarah Braam de Boer '96, who lives just outside CFB Petawawa, his regiment's home base. We join her and their families in praying for the safe return of all those who are serving overseas in the military.

*As Images was going to press, Josh's unit returned from their tour in Afghanistan.*



### News of Interest

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We encourage all alumni to share with one another what is going in their lives. Whether it is a birth, wedding, job change or other significant event, send in your announcement with New of Interest form at left. Mail it to:

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Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4

You can also submit an announcement electronically through the Alumni web-site: [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm), or by sending an email with the details to [alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca).



## Employment Survey Results

Last fall, Redeemer alumni were asked to complete an Employment Survey. The purpose of the survey was to:

- 1) Enhance the Alumni Career Network, a mentoring program for Redeemer students and young alumni;
- 2) Develop professional development and networking opportunities for alumni in various industries and vocations; and
- 3) Identify alumni who are willing to volunteer for Redeemer in their hometowns.

Of the 1020 surveys that were mailed out, 420 were returned by mail or completed on-line at [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/survey/](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/survey/). Although there is much more analysis which needs to be completed, here are a few of the preliminary findings:

**Alumni best described their current employment status as:**

Full-time student:	24	(5.7%)
Homemaker:	79	(18.8%)
Full-time employed:	235	(55.9%)
Part-time employed:	58	(13.8%)
Self-employed:	44	(10.4%)
Underemployed:	5	(1.1%)
Unemployed:	2	(0.4%)

**204 respondents (48.5%) said they had completed some formal education after leaving Redeemer. The type of institution attended included:**

Bible College	1
Community College	32
University Undergraduate	79
University Graduate	112
Other	77

(In both cases, numbers reflect alumni making multiple selections)

The Alumni Board and the Alumni Office will further compile and analyze the data to determine the best ways of serving students and alumni. Watch for further updates to be posted on the Redeemer alumni website [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni) some time in the near future.

Thanks to all those alumni who completed the survey. Their names were thrown into a hat and the following people had their names drawn for a Redeemer sweater, courtesy of the Alumni Office and the Redeemer Campus Bookstore.

Tetsy DeBoer '90, Strathroy, ON  
Melissa Glöckner '98, Milton, ON  
Rachel Goodreau '00, Dresden, ON  
Alison Gresik '95, Ottawa, ON  
Michelle Hogeterp '92, Hamilton, ON  
Karen Koomans '90, Emo, ON

Jim Krale '97, Brampton, ON  
Kevin Luth '98, Dresden, ON  
Lisa McKinley '91, Newmarket, ON  
Mike Oegema '87, St. Thomas, ON  
Melissa Vanderwier '98, Smithville, ON  
Scott Zylstra '96, Jordan Station, ON

This survey was conducted under the auspices of the Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Alumni Board, which is elected by alumni, works with the Alumni Office to plan activities and events that benefit alumni, students and the institution.

A number of members of the Alumni Board will be retiring this year, and we are seeking interested alumni who may be willing to serve on the Board. If you are interested in promoting the interests of Redeemer and her past and current students in this way, please contact the Alumni Office by May 30, 2004. The Association's Constitution, which provides more information on the governance of the Alumni Association, can be found at [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/association/constitution.htm](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/association/constitution.htm).



## Home is where the Hope is

Deborah Vanderkruk sees beyond despair

**M**any a North American child has plaintively, if somewhat over-statedly, moaned, “I have absolutely nothing to wear,” as they prepare for another day of school. Deborah Vanderkruk ’97 shakes her head at that complaint; while working in the West African country of Chad, one of the major challenges in enabling young girls to attend school was the fact that they really don’t have clothes – any clothes – to wear to school. “It puts a different spin on what you think you need for school,” she says.

That level of abject poverty was just one of the challenges she faced as she worked with the Christian relief agency World Vision. Oppressive heat, the devastation of HIV/AIDS, and religious and ethnic violence are all part of the landscape in that part of the world. But through despair, in Africa and now in Toronto, Vanderkruk is able to share in the abiding hope that she finds in those around her.

Since her days as a French and Political Science major at Redeemer, Vanderkruk has had wandering feet. She spent a year at the Sorbonne in Paris and took part in a Serve Project to Honduras. It was that trip that opened her eyes to development work as a calling, and which first gave her insight into the spirit of many of those who live in the third world. “To our first-world eyes, these people have nothing,” she says, “yet they have so much joy in their lives.”

After graduating from Redeemer, Vanderkruk took an internship with



Word Vision in French-speaking West Africa, which led to a full-time position. It was a chance to combine her interest in development work with her language skills. Half of her stint there was as a local liaison for World Vision’s sponsorship program, linking the children and their first-world sponsors. The second part of her work in Chad was gender development research, looking for ways

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women could be more active in their local communities. “World Vision’s focus is community development,” she says. “To do that, we try to understand the local culture, including the respective roles of men and women, so that we can effectively work within that community to improve the lives of everyone.”

Two years ago, Vanderkruk accepted a different position with World Vision, working at a shelter

for refugees in Toronto. “Now the world comes to me,” she says. Her work involves helping people – some of whom have just stepped off a plane from countries halfway around the world, with nothing but the clothes on their back – adjust to life in Canada.

It is work that has given her an increased appreciation for the sacrifices that her own immigrant parents and grandparents made when they came from Holland in the early 1950s. However when she compares the two groups, she fears that recent refugees have much less of an opportunity to be successful in their new country, in part because of global paranoia over terrorism.

It would be easy to become despondent in the face of the challenges that Vanderkruk has seen in her work. But instead, she feels enriched by those with whom she works. “They are overwhelmed, but never hopeless; often, all that they have left is the hope for a better life, a hope that carries them through, and to which they cling tenaciously. I consider it a privilege to see how God’s hand has brought me to share in their journey.” **I**



### More requirements or merely redundant?

Karen Koomans (B.A., (B.C.S), B.C.Ed., B.Ed) reflects on what she learned through two Education programs

I graduated in Redeemer's first Education class in 1991, and have many fond memories of my time there. There were perhaps 30-40 students in my graduating class at Redeemer, and only one full-time education professor – John Stronks – who was also my advisor.

But the assignments were challenging; we were taught to focus our lessons on God and the child as seen in God's eyes. Although I was initially nervous about my student teaching experiences – six weeks in a grade one class and six weeks in a grade four class – they were amazing experiences I will never forget. I was challenged by the program, and through it I grew, both professionally and spiritually. By the time I completed my B.C.Ed., I was definitely well-prepared to step into my first teaching assignment at Jarvis District Christian School, where I taught grades two and three.

A few years later my husband and I were called back to my hometown of Emo, 1800 km northwest from the beginning of Yonge Street, to be home with my family. I knew that I wanted to keep teaching, but with the nearest Christian School more than 400 km away, I also knew that I would need an Ontario Teachers Certificate so that I could teach in the public schools as a "certified" teacher. I was determined to make a difference in the school I



attended as a child, which is the same school my children now attend.

So, ten years post-Redeemer, I went back to school and earned a B.Ed. from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

There were a few differences from my Redeemer experience. For starters, I was one of about 500 students in the program. I picked my courses on-line, and I had twelve classes to take, (two more than my B.C.Ed. program). I had a different instructor for each class, including a Catholic Priest for "Curriculum and

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Instruction in Religious Education" for those students planning to teach in Catholic schools. Each class, and all course content, was focused on government curriculum expectations. At Redeemer, I had never seen an Ontario curriculum guide with overall and specific expectations for each subject and grade. I had never heard

of a "rubric" as a way of evaluating student work. And at Lakehead, there was actually a course on Classroom Management.

But there were many similarities as well. I was actually surprised at the close relations I developed with my professors and classmates. Everyone was friendly and the instructors were very involved and interested. Even with the larger class sizes at Lakehead, help was available to all students. An added bonus was that during each of my placements, I was able to

teach one of my sons.

I was comfortable there and had a good time. Going to university challenged me again as a Christian, and it gave me a greater sense of urgency to be a light in a dark world. I will always say to my family "Thank you for the nice break" by letting me go back to school.

My studies at Lakehead provided a time of reflection and growth. However, the teaching degree from Redeemer gave me the foundation to be the best teacher I could be. Redeemer gave me the edge because it equipped me for leadership and service in God's kingdom here in Emo. **I**

*Karen Kaemingh Koomans '91 is a supply teacher for the Rainy River Board of Education. Her husband Paul '89 is the Owner/Comptroller of Norlund Oil Ltd. in Emo, where they are raising their four children Zachary (11), Lucas (9), Caleb (5) and Katrina (1)*



# Teacher Training Tales

Welcome to BackFlap, Images' back page of photos, stories and other tidbits that expose the lighter side of Redeemer.

Now class, your homework for the night is ...

No matter what degree they seek, where they seek it, or where they hope to put it into practice, all those seeking a career in education will share one common experience: stepping in front of a class of real live children and realizing that they are no longer passive receptors of education, but the ones who are being looked upon to provide it.

Expectations do not always match reality. How does an enthusiastic, if inexperienced, student teacher react to his or her charges – are the children seen as angelic, covenantal co-heirs, eagerly drinking from the fount of the student-teacher's wisdom? Or are they, in the words of one exasperated teacher, more likely to be seen as "miserable little image-bearers?" And just how does one integrate all that collected wisdom about post-modern literary theory to a grade four language arts unit?

BackFlap wants to hear from Redeemer education alumni who have an interesting or amusing anecdote from their student-teacher days. Send your story (250 words or less) to the Alumni Office at Redeemer, and we'll print the best one (or two or three...) in the next issue of *Images*. We'll also award a prize to one of the submissions.



Congratulations to Marsha Klein-Horsman Leistra '96 and Sara Van Manen Flokstra '96 who won a gift basket from The Market for their submission to BackFlap's Best Original Redeemer Recipe contest in the October 2003 Images. The judges were impressed by the simplicity of the recipe, its flexibility (use of maggi or ketchup), and its capacity to create something that approaches edibility out of the main ingredient. *Bon appetit!*

## Kraft Dinner Deluxe

### Ingredients:

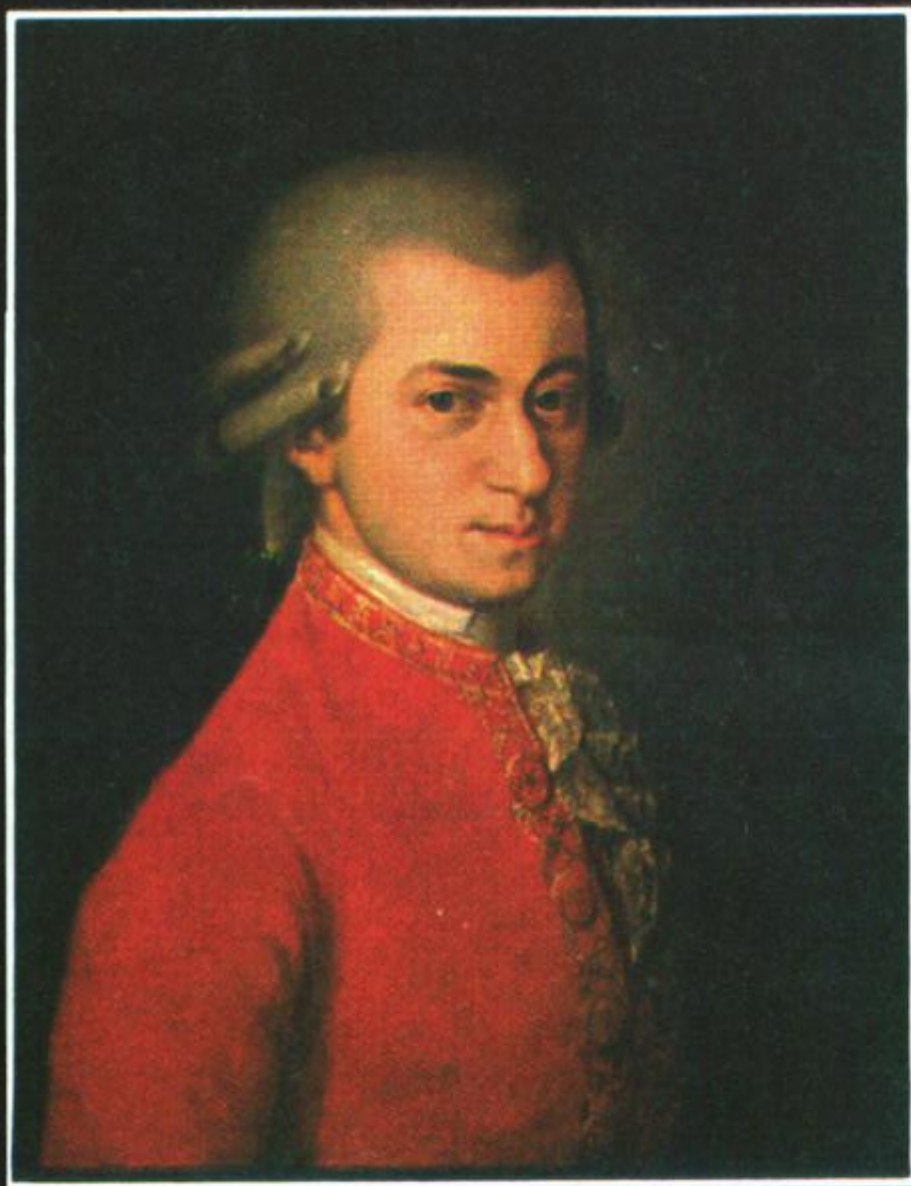
1 box Kraft Dinner  
1/4 cup onion  
1/4 cup green pepper  
sliced ham

sliced cheddar cheese  
milk  
margarine  
Maggi/ketchup(optional)

1. Begin by boiling macaroni noodles.
2. Fry onion and green pepper (chopped).
3. Cut 3-4 slices each of ham and cheese in to bite sized pieces.
4. Drain macaroni and prepare Kraft dinner according to package directions. Add onion, green pepper, ham and cheese. Stir until mixed and cheese begins to melt.
5. Garnish with Maggi seasoning (or ketchup) if desired.



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